



POSTAL SERVICE

Elimination of Parcel Return Service Product

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service hereby provides notice that it has filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to remove the Parcel Return Service product from the competitive product list.

DATES: The request was submitted to the Postal Regulatory Commission on August 12, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Reed at (202) 268-3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 12, 2022, the United States Postal Service filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Remove Parcel Return Service from the Competitive Product List* pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642. Documents pertinent to this request are available at <https://www.prc.gov>, Docket No. MC2022-95. The Governors' Decision and the record of proceedings in connection with such decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2).

Sarah Sullivan,

Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

DECISION OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ON CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS (GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 22-5)

August 9, 2022

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION

Pursuant to authority under section 3632 of title 39, as amended by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 ("PAEA"), we establish changes in classifications of general applicability for a competitive product, and do so here with regard to the removal of Parcel Return Service from the competitive product list. The changes are described generally below, with a detailed description of the changes in the attached draft of the relevant sections of the Mail Classification Schedule, with the classification changes in legislative format.

Parcel Return Service was originally designed for shippers, shipping agents, or return logistics providers who can retrieve items in bulk from the Postal Service's Return Delivery Units (RDUs) and/or Return Sectional Center Facilities (RSCFs). Over time, Parcel Return Service has evolved to become almost solely provided through negotiated service agreements (NSAs). There are currently only three customers using Parcel Return Service at published rates. With these changes, the Parcel Return Service product will be removed from the competitive product list, but will continue to be offered solely through NSAs. The volume from these three customers would still be able to be covered via NSAs, as appropriate.

The Postal Service expects that there will be minimal impact to its retail and commercial customers from the elimination of Parcel Return Service. All customers interested in a bulk package return service will still be able to utilize Parcel Return Service via an NSA. Eliminating Parcel Return Service from the competitive product list will further simplify and streamline the Postal Service's offerings, and avoid customer confusion.

ORDER

The changes in classes set forth herein shall be effective at 12:01 A.M. on January 22, 2023. We direct the Secretary to have this decision published in the *Federal Register* in accordance with 39 U.S.C. § 3632(b)(2) and direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these changes.

By The Governors:

/s/

Roman Martinez IV
Chairman, Board of Governors

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNORS' VOTE ON
GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 22-5**

Consistent with 39 USC 3632(a), I hereby certify that, on August 9, 2022, the Governors voted on adopting Governors' Decision No. 22-5, and that a majority of the Governors then holding office voted in favor of that Decision.

/s/

Date: August 9, 2022

Elda Merho
Assistant Secretary of the Board of Governors

PART B

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

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COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST

DOMESTIC PRODUCTS

Priority Mail Express

Priority Mail

Parcel Select

~~Parcel Return Service~~

First-Class Package Service

USPS Retail Ground

2120 Parcel Return Service

2120.1 Description

- a. ~~Parcel Return Service mail consists of returned merchandise meeting preparation and entry requirements, which is retrieved or delivered in bulk, with postage paid by the addressee.~~
- b. ~~Any mailable matter may be mailed as Parcel Return Service mail, except matter required to be mailed by First-Class Mail or Priority Mail services; as Customized MarketMail pieces; and publications required to be entered as Periodicals mail.~~
- c. ~~Parcel Return Service mail is not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as such constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.~~
- d. ~~Undeliverable as addressed Parcel Return Service pieces will be forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer, subject to the applicable USPS Retail Ground price when forwarded or returned from one Post Office location to another. Pieces which combine Parcel Return Service matter with First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail matter will be forwarded or returned if undeliverable as addressed, as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.~~

Attachments and enclosures

- a. ~~First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces may be attached to or enclosed in Parcel Return Service mail. Additional postage may be required. Parcel Return Service mail may have limited written additions placed on the wrapper, on a tag or label attached to the outside of the parcel, or inside the parcel, either loose or attached to the article.~~

2120.2 Size and Weight Limitations¹

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	130 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds ¹

Notes

1. ~~A charge of \$100.00 applies to pieces found in the postal network that exceed the 70-pound maximum weight limitation or the 130-inch length plus girth maximum dimensional limit for Postal Service products. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.~~

2120.3 ~~Minimum Volume Requirements~~

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All other Parcel Return Service	none

2120.4 ~~Price Categories~~

- ~~RSCF—Contains merchandise and is retrieved in bulk at a return sectional center facility, or other equivalent facility~~
 - ⊖ Machinable
 - ⊖ Nonmachinable
 - ⊖ Balloon Price
 - ⊖ Oversized
- ~~RDU—Contains merchandise and is retrieved in bulk at a designated destination delivery unit, or other equivalent facility~~
 - ⊖ Machinable
 - ⊖ Nonmachinable
 - ⊖ Oversized

2120.5 ~~Optional Features~~

~~The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:~~

- ~~Ancillary Services (1505)~~
 - ⊖ ~~Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)~~
- ~~Pickup On Demand Service~~

*RSCF Entered*a. ~~Machinable~~ RSCF

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
1	4.22
2	4.77
3	5.12
4	5.51
5	5.93
6	6.50
7	6.95
8	7.54
9	8.06
10	8.61
11	9.12
12	9.76
13	10.20
14	10.55
15	10.93
16	11.30
17	11.72
18	12.04
19	12.36
20	12.78
21	13.11
22	13.50
23	13.77
24	14.19
25	14.50

a. ~~Machinable RSCF (Continued)~~

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
26	14.96
27	15.27
28	15.60
29	15.93
30	16.23
31	16.58
32	16.91
33	17.19
34	17.63
35	17.95

b. ~~Nonmachinable~~ RSCF

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
1	7.36
2	7.92
3	8.27
4	8.65
5	9.07
6	9.65
7	10.10
8	10.69
9	11.20
10	11.76
11	12.26
12	12.90
13	13.34
14	13.70
15	14.08
16	14.44
17	14.86
18	15.19
19	15.50
20	15.92
21	16.26
22	16.65
23	16.92
24	17.34
25	17.64

b. Nonmachinable RSCF (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
26	18.11
27	18.42
28	18.75
29	19.08
30	19.38
31	19.73
32	20.06
33	20.34
34	20.78
35	21.10
36	21.43
37	21.55
38	21.87
39	22.03
40	22.32
41	22.61
42	22.76
43	23.10
44	23.38
45	23.68
46	23.95
47	24.16
48	24.57
49	24.93
50	25.17

b. ~~Nonmachinable RSCF (Continued)~~

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
51	25.57
52	25.86
53	26.28
54	26.63
55	26.86
56	27.27
57	27.60
58	27.91
59	28.26
60	28.43
61	28.85
62	29.16
63	29.53
64	29.84
65	30.18
66	30.39
67	30.87
68	31.09
69	31.48
70	31.62
Oversized	47.94

c. ~~Balloon Price~~

~~RSCF entered pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined, but not more than 108 inches, and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.~~

d. ~~Oversized Pieces~~

~~Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price. As stated in the Domestic Mail Manual, any piece that is found to be over the 70 pound maximum weight limitation is nonmailable, will not be delivered, and may be subject to the \$100.00 overweight item charge.~~

RDU Entered

a. ~~Machinable RDU~~

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
4	3.37
2	3.46
3	3.55
4	3.66
5	3.74
6	3.86
7	3.94
8	4.03
9	4.14
10	4.23
11	4.34
12	4.43
13	4.54
14	4.63
15	4.71
16	4.83
17	4.91
18	5.02
19	5.11
20	5.22
21	5.31
22	5.39
23	5.51
24	5.59
25	5.71

a. ~~Machinable RDU (Continued)~~

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
26	5.75
27	5.84
28	5.95
29	6.04
30	6.15
31	6.25
32	6.33
33	6.43
34	6.52
35	6.63

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36	6.72
37	6.83
38	6.91
39	7.01
40	7.11
41	7.21
42	7.31
43	7.41
44	7.49
45	7.59
46	7.69
47	7.80
48	7.89
49	8.00
50	8.07

b. ~~Nonmachinable RDU (Continued)~~

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
51	8.18
52	8.29
53	8.38
54	8.49
55	8.58
56	8.66
57	8.76
58	8.86
59	8.97
60	9.06
61	9.17
62	9.24
63	9.35
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Oversized	14.60

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~~*IMpb Noncompliance Fee*~~

~~Add \$0.25 for each IMpb-noncompliant parcel paying commercial prices.~~